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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL DE HAAN VISIT NIGER

REF: STATE 21294 AND 18768

1. EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR STAFFDEL DE HAAN VISIT NIGER WHICH WE WILL DISCUSS WITH GON AFTER RECEIPT STAFFDEL COMMENTS.

SATURDAY FEB 8 OPEN

SUNDAY FEB 9 TRIP BY ROAD TO AYOROU NORTH OF NIAMEY

ON NIGER RIVER WHICH HAS BEST SUNDAY MARKET IN AREA AND WHERE STAFFDEL WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY OBSERVE INFLUX INTO AYOROU OF GREAT VARIETIES OF PEOPLE AND COMMODITIES.

MONDAY FEB 10 BRIEFING AT EMBASSY. FLIGHT TO MARADI

BY CHARTERED AIRCRAFT. MARADI WAS SITE OF ONE OF LARGEST REFUGEES CAMPS AT HEIGHT OF DROUGHT. ALSO USED AS ONE OF PRIMARY GRAIN DISTRIBUTION POINTS. ALTHOUGH REFUGEES HAVE LEFT MARADI, VISIT THERE WOULD AFFORD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH GON OFFICIALS, MISSIONARIES AND RELIEF WORKERS SCOPE PAST PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE NEW ONES

TUESDAY FEB 11 MEETINGS IN NIAMEY WITH OFFICIALS

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FROM GON, UN, MAJOR DONORS AND

VOLAGS.

2. CHARTERED AIRCRAFT TO MARADI WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$1,000. INFORM IF TRIP DESIRED. ALTERNATIVE IS TRIP BY ROAD TO CARE/PC/GON VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT BALEYARA.

3. AMBASSADRO INVITES MEMBERS OF STAFFDEL ARRIVING FEB 8 TO STAY AT RESIDENCE. RESERVATIONS MADE AT GRAND HOTEL FOR DELEGATION ARRIVING FEB 11.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.HECK

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